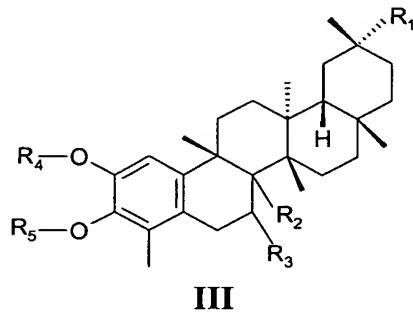


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 through 6: Cancelled.

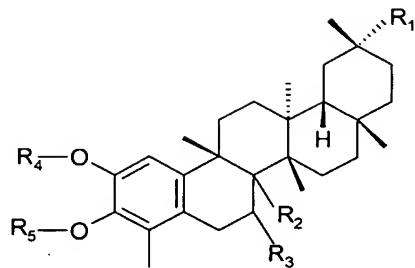
Claim 7 (new): In a collection or a library of compounds for use in biological assays in high-throughput screening for determining biological activity in a warm blooded animal, the improvement which comprises inclusion within the collection or the library a compound of formula III



- wherein R₁ is H, CH₂OH, COOH, CH₂OCOR wherein R is C-1 to C-12 alkyl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyalkenyl, alkoxy carbonylalkyl, alkoxy carbonylalkenyl, or aminoalkyl;
- wherein R₂ and R₃ are individually H or OH, or together a double bond or epoxide; and
- wherein R₄ and R₅ are individually H, lower acyl, or lower alkyl, or together are a substituted or unsubstituted methylene or ethylene, -CO-, -COCO-, or -SO₂-.

Claim 8 (new): The collection or library as recited in claim 7 wherein the compound of formula III, R₁ is COOH, R₂ and R₃ are together a double bond, and R₄ and R₅ are each acetyl.

Claim 9 (new): A method for treating inflammatory diseases responsive to heat shock proteins in a warm-blooded animal which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III



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wherein R₁ is H, CH₂OH, COOH, CH₂OCLR, where R is C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyalkenyl, alkoxy carbonylalkyl, alkoxy carbonylalkenyl or amino alkyl,

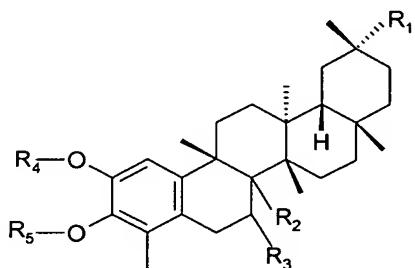
wherein R₂ and R₃ are individually H or OH or together a double bond or epoxide; and

wherein R₄ and R₅ are H, lower acyl, or together a substituted or unsubstituted methylene or ethylene, -C₉-, -COCO- or SO₂-.

Claim 10 (new): The method as recited in Claim 9 wherein in the compound of formula III,

- R₁ is COOH
- R₂ and R₃ are together a double bond, and
- R₄ and R₅ are each acetyl.

Claim 11 (new): A method for treating neurodegenerative disease responsive to heat shock proteins in a warm blooded animal which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III



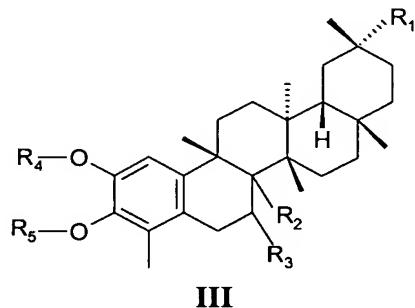
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- wherein R₁ is H, CH₂OH, COOH, CH₂OCOR wherein R is C-1 to C-12 alkyl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyalkenyl, alkoxy carbonyl alkyl, alkoxy carbonyl alkenyl or amino alkyl;
- wherein R₂ and R₃ are individually H or OH, or together a double bond or epoxide; and
- wherein R₄ and R₅ are individually H, lower acyl, or lower alkyl, or together are a substituted or unsubstituted methylene or ethylene, -CO-, -COCO-, or -SO₂-.

Claim 12 (new): The method as recited in claim 11 wherein the compound of formula III

- R_1 is COOH
- R_2 and R_3 are together a double bond, and
- R_4 and R_5 are each acetyl.

Claim 13 (new): A method for treating neoplastic disease responsive to heat shock proteins in a warm blooded animal which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III



- wherein R₁ is H, CH₂OH, COOH, CH₂OCOR wherein R is C-1 to C-12 alkyl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyalkenyl, alkoxy carbonyl alkyl, alkoxy carbonyl alkenyl or amino alkyl;
- wherein R₂ and R₃ are individually H or OH, or together a double bond or epoxide; and
- wherein R₄ and R₅ are individually H, lower acyl, or lower alkyl, or together are a substituted or unsubstituted methylene or ethylene, -CO-, -COCO-, or -SO₂-.